

Dinosaur Jr. is the grungy Massachusetts trio led by J. Mascis who plays great sweeping stormy waves of Neil Young soaring guitar. Their new album *Where You Been* (Sire/Warner Bros.) just happens to be one of the most soulful rock albums in recent memory. Behind the feedback blitz are country-flavored melodies that even have choruses, sung by Mascis in his creaky, croaky voice that's slightly reminiscent of the Band's Rick Danko, particularly on "Start Choppin'" and "Not the Same." Despite the fondness for melody and songs that easily find a way into your life, Dinosaur Jr. can rock hard on "Out There" and "On the Way." Very appealing is the finger-picked guitar and falsetto harmony of "Goin' Home," and the majestic solo that leads into "I Ain't Sayin'."